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Michigan regional labor markets remain stable in April

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates fell in 13 Michigan labor market areas between March and April, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan’s regional labor markets were stable in April,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Payroll jobs rose throughout most regions as seasonal industries, such as construction and leisure and hospitality, added jobs during April.”

Regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.0 to 7.4 percent. Unemployment rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.4 percentage points, with a median reduction of two-tenths of a percentage point. Jobless rates edged up in the Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA), as well as the Upper Peninsula. Unemployment rates remained unchanged in both the Muskegon and Saginaw MSAs over the month.

Unemployment rates fell in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median decrease of 1.8 percentage points. The Monroe metro area exhibited the most pronounced over-the-year decline (-2.7 percentage points).

Regional employment down over month, up over year

Thirteen Michigan regions displayed employment declines over the month, with a median decrease of 0.3 percent. The largest over-the-month employment decline occurred in the Detroit MSA (-1.3 percent), in part due to layoff activity in the region’s auto industry during April. Employment edged up over the month in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions, as well as the Bay City and Midland MSAs.

Employment rose in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median increase of 3.8 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year employment increase occurred in the Ann Arbor region (+5.9 percent).

Regional workforce levels down over month, up over year

Labor force levels decreased in 12 Michigan regions over the month, with a median reduction of 0.4 percent. The largest workforce decrease occurred in the Detroit metro area (-1.7 percent). Labor force advances occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan, Bay City, Lansing, and Northwest Lower Michigan regions. Midland's labor force remained unchanged since March.

All 17 Michigan regions demonstrated workforce advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.8 percent.

Metro area nonfarm jobs increase over month and year

Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll employment advanced by 18,000, or 0.4 percent, over the month, resulting in a total nonfarm job count of 4,302,000 during April. Employment gains occurred in most broad industries, led on a numerical basis by construction (+6,000), education and health services (+4,000), and leisure and hospitality (+3,000). The state's manufacturing sector was the only major industry to display a decrease in jobs since March (-2,000).

Total nonfarm jobs rose in 11 Michigan metro areas over the month. Regional job gains were minor, with a median advance of 0.4 percent.

Payroll employment in Michigan advanced by 171,000 over the year, or 4.1 percent. Nonfarm jobs advanced in all 14 metro areas as well, with a median increase of 3.3 percent.

County unemployment rates decrease over month and year

Fifty-nine Michigan counties exhibited jobless rate declines over the month. Unemployment rates rose in 17 counties and remained unchanged in seven counties since March. Jobless rates fell in 81 counties over the year.

Note: Data in this release is not seasonally adjusted. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.

A breakdown of not seasonally adjusted April workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for April.

Note to editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	197,000	198,800	189,000	-1,800	-0.9%	8,000	4.2%
Employed	191,100	192,600	180,400	-1,500	-0.8%	10,700	5.9%
Unemployed	5,900	6,100	8,600	-200	-3.3%	-2,700	-31.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	4.6	-0.1	XXX	-1.6	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	59,900	60,000	59,000	-100	-0.2%	900	1.5%
Employed	57,100	57,200	55,000	-100	-0.2%	2,100	3.8%
Unemployed	2,800	2,800	4,000	0	0.0%	-1,200	-30.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.7	6.8	-0.1	XXX	-2.2	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,800	47,700	100	0.2%	1,200	2.5%
Employed	46,400	46,300	44,600	100	0.2%	1,800	4.0%
Unemployed	2,400	2,500	3,100	-100	-4.0%	-700	-22.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.1	6.5	-0.1	XXX	-1.5	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, and St. Clair counties)

(Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,111	2,148	2,078	-37	-1.7%	33	1.6%
Employed	2,022	2,048	1,944	-26	-1.3%	78	4.0%
Unemployed	89	99	133	-10	-10.1%	-44	-33.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.6	6.4	-0.4	XXX	-2.2	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	175,800	176,400	174,100	-600	-0.3%	1,700	1.0%
Employed	165,700	166,300	160,400	-600	-0.4%	5,300	3.3%
Unemployed	10,100	10,200	13,600	-100	-1.0%	-3,500	-25.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.8	7.8	-0.1	XXX	-2.1	XXX

Grand Rapids - Wyoming MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, and Ottawa counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	571,800	574,400	560,500	-2,600	-0.5%	11,300	2.0%
Employed	554,100	555,700	533,600	-1,600	-0.3%	20,500	3.8%
Unemployed	17,800	18,700	26,900	-900	-4.8%	-9,100	-33.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.3	4.8	-0.2	XXX	-1.7	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,200	73,400	72,000	-200	-0.3%	1,200	1.7%
Employed	70,100	70,200	67,700	-100	-0.1%	2,400	3.5%
Unemployed	3,100	3,100	4,300	0	0.0%	-1,200	-27.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	6.0	-0.1	XXX	-1.8	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	165,400	166,400	161,800	-1,000	-0.6%	3,600	2.2%
Employed	159,200	159,900	153,000	-700	-0.4%	6,200	4.1%
Unemployed	6,200	6,500	8,800	-300	-4.6%	-2,600	-29.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.9	5.5	-0.2	XXX	-1.8	XXX

Lansing - East Lansing MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	241,300	240,900	235,500	400	0.2%	5,800	2.5%
Employed	231,600	231,800	220,800	-200	-0.1%	10,800	4.9%
Unemployed	9,600	9,100	14,700	500	5.5%	-5,100	-34.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.8	6.2	0.2	XXX	-2.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,600	38,600	38,300	0	0.0%	300	0.8%
Employed	37,100	37,000	36,300	100	0.3%	800	2.2%
Unemployed	1,600	1,600	2,000	0	0.0%	-400	-20.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	5.2	-0.1	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,800	74,100	72,000	-300	-0.4%	1,800	2.5%
Employed	70,700	70,800	67,000	-100	-0.1%	3,700	5.5%
Unemployed	3,100	3,400	4,900	-300	-8.8%	-1,800	-36.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	6.9	-0.3	XXX	-2.7	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,200	76,700	74,300	-500	-0.7%	1,900	2.6%
Employed	72,100	72,600	68,500	-500	-0.7%	3,600	5.3%
Unemployed	4,100	4,100	5,800	0	0.0%	-1,700	-29.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	7.8	0.0	XXX	-2.5	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	70,400	71,200	69,800	-800	-1.1%	600	0.9%
Employed	67,400	68,100	65,600	-700	-1.0%	1,800	2.7%
Unemployed	3,000	3,100	4,200	-100	-3.2%	-1,200	-28.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.4	6.0	-0.2	XXX	-1.8	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,700	81,900	81,100	-200	-0.2%	600	0.7%
Employed	77,100	77,300	75,000	-200	-0.3%	2,100	2.8%
Unemployed	4,600	4,700	6,100	-100	-2.1%	-1,500	-24.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7	7.5	0.0	XXX	-1.8	XXX

Upper Peninsula Labor Market Area (LMA) (15 counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	131,600	131,900	128,600	-300	-0.2%	3,000	2.3%
Employed	124,000	124,400	120,000	-400	-0.3%	4,000	3.3%
Unemployed	7,600	7,500	8,600	100	1.3%	-1,000	-11.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.7	6.7	0.1	XXX	-0.9	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,300	77,900	500	0.6%	900	1.2%
Employed	73,000	72,400	71,200	600	0.8%	1,800	2.5%
Unemployed	5,800	5,900	6,700	-100	-1.7%	-900	-13.4%
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.6	8.5	-0.2	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,000	141,800	139,500	200	0.1%	2,500	1.8%
Employed	135,000	134,400	130,500	600	0.4%	4,500	3.4%
Unemployed	7,000	7,300	9,100	-300	-4.1%	-2,100	-23.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.2	6.5	-0.3	XXX	-1.6	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2022	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,811	4,853	4,723	-42	-0.9%	88	1.9%
Employed	4,606	4,636	4,430	-30	-0.6%	176	4.0%
Unemployed	204	217	292	-13	-6.0%	-88	-30.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	6.2	-0.3	XXX	-2.0	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - April 2022

1	Livingston County	2.7	43	Sanilac County	4.9
2	Ottawa County	2.8	44	Bay County	5.0
3	Washtenaw County	3.0	45	Mason County	5.1
4	Oakland County	3.1	46	Missaukee County	5.1
5	Allegan County	3.2	47	Tuscola County	5.1
6	Kent County	3.2	48	Charlevoix County	5.2
7	Barry County	3.4	49	Muskegon County	5.3
8	Clinton County	3.4	50	Benzie County	5.5
9	Ionia County	3.4	51	Wayne County	5.5
10	St. Joseph County	3.4	52	Gogebic County	5.6
11	Kalamazoo County	3.5	53	Genesee County	5.7
12	Branch County	3.6	54	Saginaw County	5.7
13	Cass County	3.7	55	Delta County	5.8
14	Grand Traverse County	3.7	56	Iron County	6.0
15	Eaton County	4.0	57	Otsego County	6.0
16	Hillsdale County	4.0	58	Manistee County	6.1
17	Montcalm County	4.0	59	Kalkaska County	6.2
18	St. Clair County	4.0	60	Gladwin County	6.3
19	Ingham County	4.1	61	Emmet County	6.4
20	Macomb County	4.1	62	Antrim County	6.6
21	Menominee County	4.1	63	Alcona County	6.7
22	Midland County	4.1	64	Chippewa County	6.7
23	Berrien County	4.2	65	Crawford County	6.9
24	Dickinson County	4.2	66	Iosco County	6.9
25	Isabella County	4.2	67	Lake County	7.0
26	Jackson County	4.2	68	Oceana County	7.0
27	Monroe County	4.2	69	Keweenaw County	7.1
28	Newaygo County	4.2	70	Clare County	7.2
29	Gratiot County	4.3	71	Luce County	7.4
30	Leelanau County	4.3	72	Ogemaw County	7.5
31	Lenawee County	4.3	73	Presque Isle County	7.6
32	Huron County	4.4	74	Arenac County	7.8
33	Osceola County	4.4	75	Ontonagon County	8.5
34	Shiawassee County	4.4	76	Schoolcraft County	8.5
35	Lapeer County	4.5	77	Baraga County	8.7
36	Alpena County	4.6	78	Montmorency County	8.7
37	Calhoun County	4.6	79	Alger County	9.0
38	Wexford County	4.6	80	Oscoda County	9.1
39	Van Buren County	4.7	81	Cheboygan County	10.3
40	Marquette County	4.8	82	Roscommon County	10.9
41	Houghton County	4.9	83	Mackinac County	13.7
42	Mecosta County	4.9			